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SUBJ: SACEUR' S COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS REPORT 1972

1. SACEUR' S COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS REPORT 1972 (SHAPE FILE 1101/14-4-1/ S625/73) HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, AND TO MINISTERS OF DEFENSE. INTERNATIONAL STAFF PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATES NO ACTION BY SECRETARY GENERAL TO BRING REPORT TO ATTENTION OF DPC UNTIL COMMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM MILITARY COMMITTEE; THESE MAY BE RECEIVED BY END JULY. ON BASIS OF THIS TIMING, SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD PROBABLY SCHEDULE REVIEW OF DOCUMENT BY DPC PERMREPS FOR MID- SEPTEMBER (DPC MEETINGS ARE NOT NORMALLY HELD IN AUGUST).

2. WE REGARD REPORT AS AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT AND WOULD SEE A DISCUSSION OF IT BY PERMREPS IN SEPTEMBER AS A USEFUL STEP IN KEEPING ATTENTION DIRECTED TO FORCE IMPROVEMENTS AND AS A BASE POINT IN THE FALL REVIEW OF FORCE PLANS FOR 1974-1978.

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3. FINAL PARA OF COVERING LETTER BY SACEUR IS QUOTED BELOW:

"10. (NS) MY OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE FORCES
ASSIGNED OR EARMARKED TO ACE IS THAT THEY ARE SUBSTANTIALLY
BELOW THE LEVEL REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE THE MISSIONS ASSIGNED.
UNLESS FURTHER EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON QUALITATIVE AND
QUANTITATIVE IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF
NECESSARY FUNDING, THE LIMITATIONS ON NATO CAPABILITIES,
IN CONTRAST TO THE KNOWN WARSAW PACT TREND OF INCREASES
AND IMPROVEMENTS, MUST RESULT IN FURTHER LOWERING OF THE
NUCLEAR THRESHOLD AND LEAVE IN SERIOUS QUESTION THE CAPA-
BILITY OF ACE FORCES TO DEFEND SUCCESSFULLY AGAINST MAJOR
AGRESSION." PRENDERGAST

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